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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH DENKTASH

1. SUMMARY: DENKTASH AGREES THAT PRESENT US EFFORT SHOULD BE TO PROTECT FUTURE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS FROM HARMFUL EFFECTS OF RHETORIC WHICH WILL BE INEVITABLE IN UN CONTEXT. GENERALLY ENDORSES SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON CYPRUS. ACKNOWLEDGES UNENTHUSIASTIC REACTION TO HIS STATEMENTS ON UDI. POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON TURKISH TRADING PREFERENCES OF PROPERTY CONFISCATION AND DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS NOTED. RESUMED (OR PARTIAL) ACCESS TO US COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES PROBABLE IF TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO PARTIALLY LIFTED. END SUMMARY.

2. I CALLED ON "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH SEPTEMBER 29 TO DISCUSS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND REVIEW SOME OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS. HIGHLIGHTS OF DENKTASH COMMENTS FOLLOW.

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2. NEGOTIATIONS: DENKTASH AGREED WITH MY COMMENT THAT BEFORE

NEGOTIATIONS COULD RESUME WE WOULD BE IN FOR A PERIOD OF RHETORIC, AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER TURKISH ELECTIONS, LIFTING OF EMBARGO, AND COMPLETION OF UNGA SESSION ON CYPRUS. HE ALSO AGREED THAT MOST USEFUL ROLE FOR US AND RESPONSIBLE POWERS AT THIS TIME WAS TO TRY TO LIMIT DAMAGE FROM SUCH RHETORIC AND KEEP OPEN THE DOOR TO RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. DENKTASH THEN TREATED ME TO HIS USUAL DIATRIBE AGAINST MAKARIOS AND LATTER'S INABILITY TO ACCEPT NEW REALITY ON CYPRUS. HE ALSO CRITICIZED CLERIDES FOR MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS UPON HIS RETURN FROM VIENNA III WHICH SEEMED TO RENEGE ON CLERIDES' PRIMATE UNDERTAKING TO PRESENT MAP FOR DISCUSSION IN NEW YORK AND ON GOC'S PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF BIREGIONAL FEDERATION. WHILE REPEATING STANDARD CHARGE THAT GREEKS RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURE OF NEW YORK TALKS, HE MADE NO ATTEMPT REFUTE MY COMMENT THAT A BASIC PROBLEM SEEMED TO BE ANKARA'S INABILITY AT THIS TIME TO FORMULATE POSITION AND DENKTASH'S OWN RELUCTANCE TO GO OUT ON A LIMB BY HIMSELF. DENKTASH ALSO ADDED THAT ILLNESS OF HIS SON, WHO WAS RUSHED TO ANKARA FOR POSSIBLE HEART SURGERY DURING NEW YORK TALKS, WAS GREATLY ON HIS MIND AND MADE HIM LESS PATIENT WITH CLERIDES THAN HE OTHERWISE MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

3. REACTION TO SECRETARY'S UN SPEECH. DENKTASH GENERALLY AGREED WITH PREAMBULAR SECTION BUT TOOK ISSUE WITH POINT THAT "STATUS QUO MUST NOT BECOME PERMANENT." HE ALSO SAID THAT THE TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY MUST HAVE "FULL" RATHER THAN A "LARGE VOICE" IN ITS AFFAIRS AND THAT ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS AND SELF-RESPECT OF BOTH COMMUNITIES, NOT JUST GREEKS, HAD TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. TONGUE IN CHEEK, HE SAID THAT WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES OBVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE BRITISH FORCES, AND THEN ADDED THAT TURKISH FORCES COULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN UNTIL PERMANENT SOLUTION REACHED. CAREFULLY NOTING PHRASING RE REFUGEES, DENKTASH ARGUED THAT UN RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR RETURN OF REFUGEES HAD TO BE REVISED AND THAT AGREED POPULATION EXCHANGE HAD TAKEN PLACE. IN SHORT, REFUGEE PROBLEM HAD BEEN "SOLVED" AND THERE WAS NO GOING BACK. I REJOINED THAT THE REFUGEES REMAINED A MAJOR PROBLEM WHICH HAD TO BE DEALT WITH AND THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY WOULD SHARPLY DISAGREE THAT REFUGEE PROBLEM " SOLVED."

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4. UDI: IN RESPONSE TO MY COMMENTS ON HIGHLY ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF UDI MOVE, DENKTASH REITERATED VIEW THAT THINGS COULD HARDLY BE WORSE THAN THEY ARE NOW FROM STANDPOINT OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND THAT TURK CYPRIOTS THUS HAD NOTHING TO LOSE. COMMUNITY HAD ALREADY ENDURED 12 YEARS OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND COULD WAIT OUT THE FEW YEARS IT WOULD TAKE TO BECOME INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED. DENKTASH DISMISSED

RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT'S OPPOSITION TO UDI AS "POLITICS" BUT DID NOT DISAGREE WITH OBSERVATION THAT POLITICAL REACTION IN MAINLAND AND WITHIN COMMUNITY TO UDI SEEMS TO HAVE HAD EFFECT OF PUTTING OFF MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION.

5. SPECIALIZED PREFERENCES. I BRIEFED DENKTASH ON SPECIALIZED PREFERENCES AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WHICH COULD ARISE FOR TURKEY AS RESULT OF SITUATION REGARDING US PROPERTY AND INTERESTS IN TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS. I STRESSED THAT WHILE NO DETERMINATION HAD BEEN MADE IN WASHINGTON, WE HAD BEEN ASKED TO REPORT ON THE SITUATION AND HAD HAD TO CONCLUDE RELUCTANTLY THAT OUR ACCESS TO AMERICAN PROPERTY HAS REMAINED LIMITED, THAT THERE HAS BEEN DE FACTO CONFISCATION OF US PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, AND THAT NO ACTIVE STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN SO FAR AS WE KNEW TO ARRANGE FOR COMPENSATION. DENKTASH, WHO SEEMED UNAWARE OF PROBLEM, THANKED ME FOR BRINGING IT TO HIS ATTENTION AND SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH GOT AUTHORITIES.

6. US COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES: I INFORMED DENKTASH OF OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO GOT AND MY TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR INHAN AND SAID THAT, ON AMBASSADOR INHANKY'S SUGGESTION, I WANTED TO REQUEST THAT WE BE GIVEN FULL ACCESS TO OUR INSTALLATIONS AND PERMITTED TO DO NECESSARY MAINTENANCE AND TO MOVE ITEMS IN AND OUT OF THE FACILITIES AS NECESSARY. STRESSING THAT TFSC AND NOT GOT WAS RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY, DENKTASH INDICATED THAT IF ARMS EMBARGO WERE LIFTED (OR PARTIALLY LIFTED), OUR REQUEST COULD BE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED AND THAT PARTIAL ACCESS MIGHT BE ARRANGED.
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